

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method of sports management by a remote party of an entity owning at least one sports player and having a database for the sports management comprising:
 - 5 relating a current database of a player together with a historical database related to that player;
 - communicating the data between a central database processing resource and at least one remote party;
 - receiving an access request message from the remote party via a communications
 - 10 link;
 - transmitting an access enabling message to the remote party via the communications link wherein the remote party is authorized to access the database, the access enabling message permitting the remote party to access the database and access designated data from the database, the data in the database including historical data
 - 15 relating to the player with the current data related to that player being accessed;
 - compiling a report from the accessed database, the report including the current data of a player together with the historical data related to that player; and
 - transmitting the compiled report of the data of the player to the remote party.
 - 20 2. The method of claim 1, comprising the steps of verifying that the access to the database is authorized.
 3. The method of claim 1, including periodically updating the database with at least one of the historical or current data about the player.
 - 25 4. The method of claim 1, including analyzing the data of the player, and providing the report to the remote party based on the analysis of the data of the player.

5. The method of claim 1, comprising the step of storing the report in the central database processing resource.

6. The method of claim 1, including controlling access to the central database processing resource, and wherein data in the database is accessible to selected multiple remote parties.

7. The method of claim 6, including the step of verifying that selected remote parties are authorized to access the database or selected data in the database.

8. The method of claim 1, including combining historical data of players with current data of players thereby to permit an analysis predicting play scenarios and probabilities of selected players.

9. The method of claim 1, including sending an access request message from the remote parties via a communications link, and the communications link is selectively a computer network, preferably including the Internet.

10. The method of claim 1, including receiving data of a subject player, storing, retrieving, comparing, analyzing the data thereby to obtain assessment data.

11. The method of claim 1, including encrypting the data.

12. The method of claim 1, including the steps of communicating between a remote party and the central database processing resource through a computer network, providing credit card information of the remote user prior to providing the data and transferring such data to the remote user after charging a credit card for such data.

13. The method of claim 1, including transferring money electronically via a telecommunications line between respective financial entities related to the remote party and to an operator of the central database, and, after transfer of money electronically, providing data from the central database to the remote party.

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14. The method of claim 1, including the step of the remote party transmitting a decision from a remote terminal to the database through a computer network, the decision being at least one relating to the status of a player, financial reward to a player, financial reward to a team related to the player, or financial reward in relation to a sports competition with regard to a sports team.

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15. The method of claim 1 wherein the communication to the remote user is through a communication link, and wherein the remote party sends a response to the database, the response being through a computer network, and being in substantially real or near real time in relation to the communication received by the remote user.

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16. The method of claim 15 wherein the remote party receives information about a sports event through television and responds through the computer network to the database, and the database transmits a message to the player or a team manager related to the player.

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17. The method of claim 1 wherein the remote party receives at least one expert opinion, and wherein the remote transmits a response in relation at least in response to the expert opinion.

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18. The method of claim 1 wherein a controller of a central database receives at least one expert opinion on an issue, and wherein the expert opinion is selectively made available to a remote user, such that the remote user can selectively make decisions based on the opinion, and selectively transmit the decision to the central database.

19. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein there is a hierarchy of remote users, different levels in the hierarchy having different weight for their respective decision, which decisions can be transmitted to the central database.

20. The method of claim 19 wherein some of the remote users in the hierarchy are non-shareholders in relationship to ownership of the database for managing a sports entity, others if the hierarchy are shareholders, and others are board members for the entity owning the database.

21. A method of sports management by a remote party of an entity owning at least one sports player and having a database for the sports management comprising the steps of:

the remote party viewing, using a computer, both current data for a player, and historical data about the player;

the remote party analyzing, using a computer, the historical data and the current data related to the player based on predetermined characteristics; and

the remote party reporting the analysis of the combined data to a central database processing resource associated with the management of a sports team or player.

22. The method of claim 21, including receiving in a database of the central database processing resource related to the computer, data relating to the current data of the player and receiving in the database of the central data processing resource, historical data relating to the player, other related players, and a background of the player and other related players.

23. The method of claim 21, wherein a remote party of a database pays for at least one of an analysis of the data, and for submission of money into a bonus pool associated with at least one player of a sports team.

24. The method of claim 21, including permitting the remote party to submit an assessment to a database related to the computer, the assessment being selected by a remote party.

25. The method of claim 21, including reporting to the remote user, the remote party being at a site removed from the central database related to the computer and using a communication link between the central database and the remote party, the communication link including an Internet link.

26. The method of claim 21, including the step of the remote party transmitting a decision from a remote terminal to the database through a computer network, the decision being at least one relating to the status of a player, financial reward to a player, financial reward to a team related to the player, or financial reward in relation to a sports competition with regard to a sports team.

27. The method of claim 21 wherein the communication to the remote user is through a communication link, and wherein the remote party sends a response to the database, the response being through a computer network, and being in substantially real or near real time in relation to the communication received by the remote user.

28. The method of claim 27 wherein the remote party receives information about a sports event through television and responds through the computer network to the database, and the database transmits a message to the player or a team manager related to the player.

29. Apparatus for sports management by a remote party of an entity owning at least one sports player and having a database for the sports management comprising:

a program to relate historical data of a player together with current assessment data related to that player;

a computer communication network for data communication being between a central database processing resource reactive with the program and at least one remote party;

means for receiving an access request message from a remote party via the communications link;

means for transmitting an access enabling message to the remote party via the communications link wherein the remote party is authorized to access the database, the access enabling message permitting the remote party to access the database and access designated data from the database, the data in the database including current data relating to the player and historical data related to the player being accessed;

means for compiling a report from the accessed database, the report including the current and historical data; and

the communication network being for transmitting the compiled report of the assessment data of the player to the remote party.

30. The apparatus of claim 29, comprising means for verifying that the access to the database is authorized.

31. The apparatus of claim 29, including means for analyzing the current assessment data of a player and the historical data related to the player, and means for providing the report to the remote party based on the analysis the assessment data of the player and the historical data.

32. The apparatus of claim 29, comprising means for storing the report in the central database processing resource.

33. The apparatus of claim 29, including means for controlling access to the central database processing resource to selected multiple remote parties.

34. The apparatus of claim 29, including means for combining data of players,
5 and means to permit an analysis predicting probabilities of play of selected players.

35. The apparatus of claim 29, including means of communicating between a remote party and the central database processing resource through a computer network, means for providing credit card information of the remote party prior to providing
10 assessment data and/or historical data and transferring such data to the remote party after charging a credit card for such data.

36. The apparatus of claim 29, including the means for remote party transmitting a decision from a remote terminal to the database through a computer
15 network, the decision being at least one relating to the status of a player, financial reward to a player, financial reward to a team related to the player, or financial reward in relation to a sports competition with regard to a sports team.

37. The apparatus of claim 29 wherein the communication to the remote user
20 is through a communication link, and wherein the remote party computer network, and being in substantially real or near real time in relation to the communication received by the remote user.

38. The apparatus of claim 37 wherein the remote party receives information
25 about a sports event through television and the remote party responds through the computer network to the database, and the database transmits a message to the player or a team manager related to the player.

39. Apparatus for sports management by a remote party comprising:

a screen used by a remote party for monitoring, using a computer, both current data for a player, and historical data about the player, the data being retained on a central database;

the computer being for analyzing the current data and the historical data related to the player based on predetermined characteristics; and

a communications network between a central database processing resource and the remote user for communicating the analysis of the combined data with the remote party.

40. The apparatus of claim 30, including means for receiving in a database of the central database processing resource, data relating to the current assessment of a selected player and receiving in the database of the central database processing resource, and historical data relating to the player, other players, and the current and historical background of related players.

41. The apparatus of claim 30, including means for permitting a remote party of the database to pay for a communication with the central database through a computer network, and including a computer communication network for submitting data to a remote user after receipt of the payment.

42. The apparatus of claim 39, including means for the remote party to transmit a decision from a remote terminal to the database through a computer network, the decision being at least one relating to the status of a player, financial reward to a player, financial reward to a team related to the player, or financial reward in relation to a sports competition with regard to a sports team.

43. The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the communication to the remote user is through a communication link, and wherein the remote party computer network, and

being in substantially real or near real time in relation to the communication received by the remote user.

5 44. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the remote party receives information about a sports event through television and responds through the computer network to the database, and the database transmits a message to the player or a team manager related to the player.

10 45. A system for managing sport comprising:
a computer based communications network;
a computer at a central database processing resource provider to receive through the network, current data for a player, the current data, and historical data about the player;
15 a screen for monitoring, using a computer, both the current data of the player, and the historical data about the player, the screen being used by a remote user;
a processor for analyzing the current data and the historical data based on predetermined characteristics;
a computer for receiving, through the network, the analysis; and
20 the remote user being capable in substantially real time or near real time after receiving the analysis to respond to the analysis and submit a decision to a central database.

25 46. The system of claim 45, including receiving in a database of a central database processing resource, data relating to a selected player and receiving in the database of the central data processing resource, historical data relating to the background about the player, and wherein the remote user selectively receives the data from a sport enterprise, event or player in real time or near real time from a television or video monitor.

47. The system of claim 45, including permitting a remote party of the network to pay for the analysis of the assessment and data through the computer network, and including permitting the computer communications network to communicate between the remote user and the central database after receipt of the payment.

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48. A method of corporate management by a remote participant a corporation, the corporation having a board of directors, shareholders, staff, and customers, comprising relating to a current database of a situation relating to the corporation through a data communication between a central database processing resource and at least one remote participant, the method comprising the steps of:

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receiving an access request message from a remote participant via a communications link the remote participant being selectively any one of director, shareholder, staff or customer;

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transmitting an access enabling message to the remote participant via the communications link wherein the remote participant is authorized to access the database, the access enabling message permitting the remote participant to access the database and access designated data from the database, the data in the database including selected data relating to an actor, event, player or participant with the current data related to the corporate situation;

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compiling a report from the accessed database, the report including the data of the situation; and

transmitting the report of the data to the remote participant.

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49. The method of claim 48, comprising the steps of verifying that the access to the database is authorized, and permitting a remote participant to respond to the central database thereby to participate a decision relating to the corporate event.

50. The method of claim 48, including periodically updating the database with at least one of the historical or current data about the situation, and permitting a remote

participant to respond to the central database thereby to participate in a decision relating to the corporate event.

51. The method of claim 48, including analyzing the data of the situation, and
5 providing the report to the remote participant based on the analysis the data of the situation, and permitting a remote participant to respond to the central database thereby to participate in a decision relating to the corporate event.

52. The method of claim 48, including controlling access to the central
10 database resource, and wherein data in the database is accessible to selected multiple remote participants, and permitting a remote participant to respond to the central database thereby to participate in a decision relating to the corporate event.

53. The method of claim 52, including the step of verifying that selected
15 remote participants are authorized to access the database or selected data in the database, and permitting a remote participant to respond to the central database thereby to participate in a decision relating to the corporate event.

54. The method of claim 48, including combining historical data of the
20 situation with current data of the situation thereby to permit an analysis predicting scenarios and probabilities of the situation, and permitting a remote participant to respond to the central database thereby to participate in a decision relating to the corporate event.

55. The method of claim 48, including sending an access request message
25 from the remote participant via a communications link, and the communications link is selectively a computer network, preferably including the Internet, and wherein the remote participant decides and communicates on at least one of management issues, financial issues, corporate issues, strategic planning, or employment issues.

56. The method of claim 52 wherein some of the remote users in the hierarchy are non-shareholders in relationship to ownership of the database for managing a sports entity, others if the hierarchy are shareholders, and others are board members for the entity owning the database.

57. The method as claimed in claim 45 wherein there is a hierarchy of remote users, different levels in the hierarchy having different weight for their respective decision, which decisions can be transmitted to the central database.

58. The method of claim 45 wherein the remote party receives at least one expert opinion, and wherein the remote transmits a response in relation at least in response to the expert opinion.

59. The method of claim 45 wherein a controller of a central database receives at least one expert opinion on an issue, and wherein the expert opinion is selectively made available to a remote user, such that the remote user can selectively make decisions based on the opinion, and selectively transmit the decision to the central database.

60. A method of live event management by a remote party, the live event being transmitted to a remote party by a communications link, the live event being organized by an entity owning having a database for the management comprising:

providing a central database processing resource of the event;
communicating data between the central database processing resource and at least one remote party;

receiving an access request message from the remote party via a communications link;

transmitting an access enabling message to the remote party via the communications link wherein the remote party is authorized to access the database, the

access enabling message permitting the remote party to access the database and access designated data from the database;

transmitting data of the event to the remote party; and

wherein the communication to the remote party is through a communication link,
5 and wherein the remote party sends a response to the database, the response being through a computer network, and being in substantially real or near real time in relation to the communication received by the remote user from the communications link.

61. The method of claim 60 wherein the remote party receives information
10 about a live event on a communication system including television and responds through the computer network to the database, and the database transmits a message to a manager related to the event.

62. A method of sports management by a remote party of an entity owning at
15 least one sports player and having a database for the sports management comprising:

relating a current database of a player together with a historical database related to that player;

communicating the data between a central database processing resource and at least one remote party;

20 receiving an access request message from the remote party via a communications link;

transmitting an access enabling message to the remote party via the communications link wherein the remote party is authorized to access the database, the access enabling message permitting the remote party to access the database and access
25 designated data from the database, the data in the database including historical data relating to the player with the current data related to that player being accessed;

compiling a report from the accessed database, the report including the current data of a player together with the historical data related to that player;

transmitting the compiled report of the data of the player to the remote party; and

locating the remote party in a seat associated with a live sports event such that the remote party visibly views an actual live sports event associated with the database.

63. The method of claim 62, including sending an access request message
5 from the remote parties via a communications link, and the communications link is selectively a computer network, preferably including the Internet.

64. The method of claim 63 wherein the remote party receives information
about a sports event through television and responds through the computer network to the
10 database, and the database transmits a message to the player or a team manager related to the player.

65. Apparatus for sports management by a remote party of an entity owning at
least one sports player and having a database for the sports management comprising:

15 a program to relate historical data of a player together with current assessment data related to that player;

a computer communication network for data communication being between a
central database processing resource reactive with the program and at least one remote
party;

20 means for receiving an access request message from a remote party via the communications link;

means for transmitting an access enabling message to the remote party via the
communications link wherein the remote party is authorized to access the database, the
access enabling message permitting the remote party to access the database and access
25 designated data from the database, the data in the database including current data relating to the player and historical data related to the player being accessed;

means for compiling a report from the accessed database, the report including the current and historical data;

the communication network being for transmitting the compiled report of the assessment data of the player to the remote party; and

the remote party being located in a spectator seat to be physically present to view an actual sports event related to the data.

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66. Apparatus as claimed in claim 65 wherein the seat is wired for communication through the Internet or other network to the databases.

67. Apparatus as claimed in claim 65 including means to permit the remote party to communicate directly or indirectly with the sports player.

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68. A method of live event management by a remote party, the live event being transmitted to a remote party by a communications link, the live event being organized by an entity owning having a database for the management comprising:

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providing a central database processing resource of the event;
communicating data between the central database processing resource and at least one remote party;

receiving an access request message from the remote party via a communications link;

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transmitting an access enabling message to the remote party via the communications link wherein the remote party is authorized to access the database, the access enabling message permitting the remote party to access the database and access designated data from the database;

transmitting data of the event to the remote party;

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wherein the communication to the remote party is through a communication link, and wherein the remote party sends a response to the database, the response being through a computer network, and being in substantially real or near real time in relation to the communication received by the remote user from the communications link; and

locating the remote party in a seat associated with a live event such that the remote party visibly views an actual live event associated with the database.

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